

The Banta House ~~and Barn~~
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Owner: John C. Banta

Date of Erection: 1717

Architect:

Builder: Dirck Epke Banta

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: One and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - red sandstone

Exterior walls - frame
construction, clapboards,
hand-hewn studding filled
with logs laid up in mortar

Interior walls - plastered
with mortar of straw and
clay

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, wood shingles

Barn - Two stories; frame
construction; roof pitch,
wood shingles

Historical Data:

The name Banta is Hungarian, but the
earliest Bantas in this country came from Holland as

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early as 1659. We find a record of the first Banta having been appointed one of the Court of Oyer and Terminer at Bergen in 1679. There is a deed from Carteret to Dirck Banta in 1681 recorded at Perth Amboy which indicates that land was owned at Hackensack, New Jersey. A further purchase was made in 1695 according to the deed recorded at the office of the Secretary of State in Trenton.

The Banta house is not the usual type of a Dutch farm house. In design it reminds one of the New England farm house. The barn is typically Dutch and is interesting because of its framing.

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